




The Wee Friday Note

Friday 6th September



1. **Meet the Teacher** – On Wednesday 4th September, we welcomed almost 100 parents to this year's *Meet the Teacher* event. The first half of the meeting was spent in the hall where parents heard from Mr Heggarty, Mrs Pearson and Mr Higginson on the subjects of: 'What your child's teachers wants you to know'; Safeguarding & the NSPCC's Keeping Safe whole-school programme; Bug Club Reading Scheme & Attendance. Parents then heard from each year group class teacher about the year ahead; being given a useful overview of the year's learning ahead.
2. **Babynastix** – Our popular *Babynastix* classes have recommenced following the summer recess. See reverse of this page for further details. Details regarding MONKEYnastix will be sent home soon.
3. **School Fund** – Thanks to everyone so far that has sent in school fund. School Fund helps pay for class visits, school plays, new equipment, Christmas activities and treats. The amount we request remains unchanged from 2013: £15 per family per school year (or £5 per term). This is equivalent to 8p per school day for a family with one child attending school and less for families with multiple children attending.
4. **P7 Transfer Test 'Club'** – Starts Thursday 12th September, 3-4pm. Cregagh Primary School continues to offer this additional hour of focussed Transfer Test preparation to its P7 pupils sitting AQE and/or GL Assessment. It is not compulsory. However, if your child is sitting these tests in the autumn, why turn down the opportunity of an hours free 'tuition' from an experienced teacher? This 'Club' is free of charge.
5. **Free School Meals Entitlement** – please remember to check your family's eligibility for Free School Meals and register for them: even if you don't think your child(ren) will use them regularly. School budgets are calculated using various measures and the more families who register for FSM, Cregagh Primary School receives a little extra funding. Ring Dundonald for information and/or advice on 028 9056 6200. Please do this as soon as possible.
6. **P4-7 Homework Club** - Starting Monday 9th September, Cregagh Primary will be offering its Primary 4-7 pupils and families the facility of a Homework Club running from 3-4pm every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. It will meet in one of the Key Stage 2 classrooms each day. Daily charge of £1 towards snacks & staffing costs. Parents must return registration forms to school before their child(ren) can attend.
7. **2-to-3 Waiting Club** – Our popular 'Two-to-Three Club' recommences from Monday 9th September. This Waiting Club is run to help those parents who have children in P1, P2 or P3 AND older children further up the school – meaning that they have to do a double pick-up at both 2pm and 3pm Mondays-Thursdays. It does not run on Fridays. Parents must return registration forms to school before their child(ren) can attend. 24 places only - allocated on a first registered, first served basis.

Important Dates for your Diary

-  **Monday 30th September** - School Staff Development Day (1 day holiday for the children)
-  **Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November** - Hallowe'en Holidays (5 school days)

